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REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN OPENS SATURDAY.

MEN OF ALL PARTIES ARE ASKED TO COME TO THE MEETING AND HEAR THE ISSUES DISCUSSED--THE TAX REFORM MOVEMENT WILL BE PLACED IN ITS TRUE LIGHT--GOOD SPEECHES, GOOD MUSIC--LADIES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COME.

FINEST BATTLESHIP IN THE WORLD WAS LAUNCHED THIS MORNING

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE SAW THE CONNECTICUT GO DOWN THE WAYS AND TAKE HER PLACE IN THE BRINY DEEP.

(By Publishers' Press.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Amid the cheers of many thousands, the new battleship Connecticut was successfully launched from the ways of the Brooklyn Navy Yard at 11:10 o'clock this morning. Queen-to-be of the American navy took her maiden dip in the sea without being baptized in champagne, her sponsor, Miss Alice Welles, failing to break the christening bottle as the red-hulled vessel fled down the ways. A sturdy jackey standing at the bow of the ship, seeing the failure to smash the bottle, seized the cord on which hung the bottle, and with a vigorous whirl, broke the bottle on the ship's bow as she was about to enter the water. Fifteen thousand people saw the launching, and as the ship left the ways, their cheers united with the hoarse and strident whistles of warships, cruisers and scores of harbor craft, which lay off the yard. Miss Welles was much chagrined at her failure to break the bottle. Following the launching a luncheon was served to the two hundred invited guests.

Best Battleship in the World.

When the battleship Connecticut is completed, she will be the most powerful fighting machine in the United States navy. A comparison with the best ships of other nations shows that the Connecticut would more than hold her own in battle against any ship in the world. The Connecticut is the only first-class battleship in the navy that has been built at a government yard. The Texas, the second-class battleship, was built at the Norfolk navy yard, but was never a complete success, the ship generally starting a plant or breaking down in some one of her component parts whenever she was most needed for duty.

The Connecticut is the pride of the construction department of the navy, and the constructors say she will excel any ship ever built. A sister of the Connecticut, the Louisiana, is now being completed by the Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock Company. The two battleships are identical in every particular and were authorized by an act of Congress, approved July 1, 1902. It was provided by this act that one of the ships should be built at a government yard, and the future Connecticut was selected to be constructed at the New York navy yard. The contract for the Louisiana was awarded to the Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock Company, and a tacit understanding was reached that every endeavor would be made by both the private concern and the government to finish its ship first. The Louisiana was launched about a month ago, and is several per cent. ahead of the Connecticut in the race for completion.

On the first of the year the Louisiana was 10 per cent. ahead in work, but on August 1, the report of the chief constructor showed that the Connecticut had made a gain and that while the Louisiana was fifty-two and a half per cent. complete, the Connecticut was forty-seven and one-half per cent.

FIVE THOUSAND COPIES OF THE ACTS

STATE COMMITTEE DESIRES THE PEOPLE TO READ THE ACTS OF THE RECENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

(Special to West Virginian.)

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Sept. 29.—The Republican State committee gives the lie to the Democratic charge that they are afraid to let people know what the Legislature did at the special session. The committee yesterday ordered 5,000 copies of the acts of the session to be distributed in every county in the State. The documents will be ready for distribution within the next ten days and will be distributed by Republican county committees. Any one desiring a copy can get it by applying to the county committee-men.

The State edition of the acts has

HOW IS THIS FOR NERVE?

TWO NEGROES GO TO A WOMAN'S HOUSE IN BROAD DAY LIGHT WITH A WAGON AND STEAL FURNITURE.

(By Publishers' Press.)

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—While the special police details were out scouring the South Side for hold-up men and suspicious characters, two negroes yesterday took advantage of the absence of the police from their regular beats. In broad day light they went with a moving van to the apartments of Mrs. Martin Holland and took all the furniture from a clothes pin to a stove.

Mrs. Holland, who has been staying with her mother for the last two weeks had locked up the flat, which is on the second floor, leaving the key with the janitor, and did not return until last night. Upon entering her apartments she discovered that her furniture was gone.

The thieves were seen at work by the janitor and a neighbor.

He says that the two negroes came about noon and inquired for the Holland flat. On being shown the apartments they left, saying that they were going to move the furniture and would return later. Late in the afternoon they came back and backed a wagon up to the building, and starting with a dining room table, completely cleaned the flat of everything of value. After they had the wagon loaded they borrowed a broom of the janitor and swept the floors and cleaned up the dirt they made on the floors.

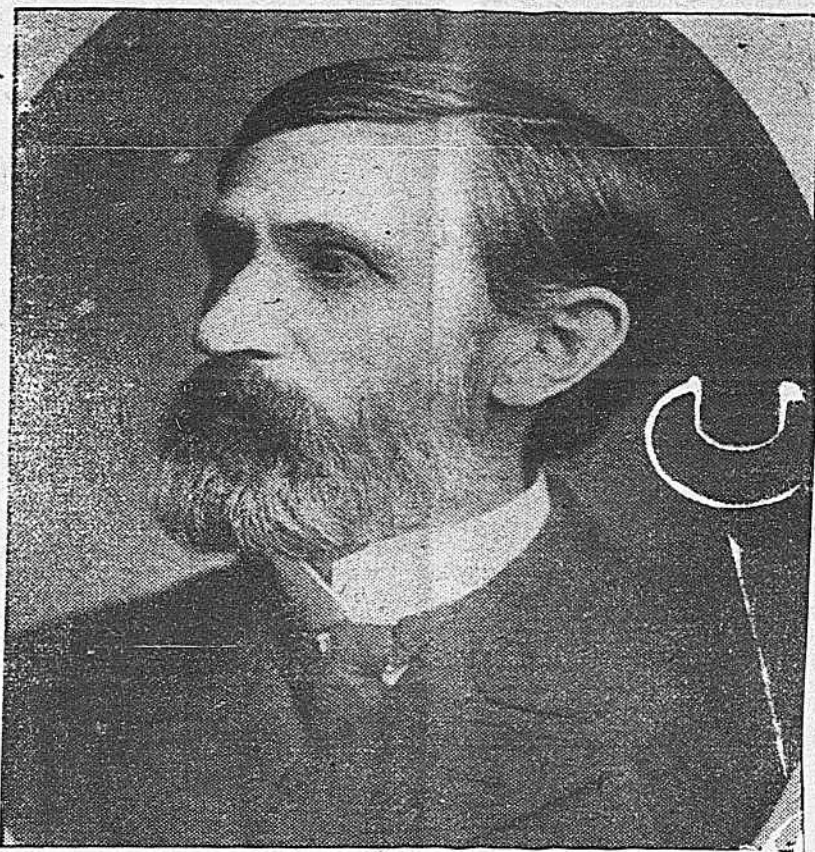
They departed with the first load and told the occupants they met in the hall that they would come back for another load and asked if they could leave the key with her until they returned a couple of hours later. They returned and finished the work.

A Strange Case.

Humane Officer Sample has had a warrant sworn out for a man living near Fetterman for an act of inhuman cruelty. The story comes from neighbors that a man owning a farm there became so incensed because his neighbors' cattle broke through his fences and devoured his grain, that he stoned the cattle until tired and then drove them into a pen so small that another animal could not have entered, and kept them there for twenty-four hours without food or water. One of the animals died from its injuries, and a number of others were in dreadful shape when they were finally released. This is a horrible story, and the miscreant who would commit such an act should be given the full penalty of the law. Mr. Sample says he has a very strong case against the man, and the law will probably exercise its authority in a very short time.

Arrested Farmer.

TERRA ALTA, W. Va., Sept. 29.—Deputy United States Marshal D. R. Jackson arrested D. F. Hartman, a wealthy retired farmer for passing counterfeit nickels, quarters and halves, and took him to Clarksburg for a hearing yesterday.



HON. WM. M. O. DAWSON.

THE ATHANAEUM

Editors are Elected For the Present Year—Meeting Held and Business Matters Attended To.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Sept. 29.—The first meeting of the editors of the university weekly, the Athanaeum, was held yesterday afternoon in one of the university buildings. At this meeting it was decided to issue the first paper next Tuesday, and to continue publication on that day. Hereafter it has been sent out on Friday, and the change was made so that the athletic news would have more chance to be new.

H. S. Byrer was elected as associate editor to succeed J. S. Lawer, who is not in school this year. The members of the board are: J. W. Robinson, editor-in-chief; J. C. Berry, assistant; Walter Barnes, athletic editor; Harry Friedman, literary and exchange; D. E. McQuilken, local; J. S. Keeley, personal; H. S. Byrer, organizations. C. E. Ellison is manager and reports the finances in only tolerable condition.

The corps of editors is only half as large as it has been hitherto, and the present board expects the co-operation of all the students in making the paper a big success. The assistant editor is now making out a list of subscribers who will get the first few issues of the sheet until they command to discontinue it.

MISS SARAH MAXWELL

Will Have Charge of Music In Morgantown Schools.

The Board of Education Tuesday evening secured a teacher of singing for the public schools, says the Morgantown Chronicle. She is Miss Sarah Maxwell, formerly teacher of music in the Fairmont Normal, and she comes highly recommended. The board felt unable to pay her full wages, so that she will divide her time between this place and Mannington, where she is already at work. She will probably work here from Monday till Wednesday noon. It is generally regarded as a step in the right direction. Now when drawing is given, Morgantown will be up to date in every respect, in school matters, at least.

A CALL.

There will be a meeting of the Republicans of precincts No. 1 and 2, of Union district, at the Lloyd building, corner of Merchant and Market streets, at 8 o'clock P. M., to-night, September 29th. All Republicans are invited. Let there be a full turnout.

W. E. CORDRAY, Chairman.

Exchange Saturday.

HORSE DIED

AFTER BEING SEVERELY BEATEN BY TWO INHUMAN WRETCHES. HUMANE SOCIETY IS NOW AFTER THEM.

A harrowing story comes from the vicinity of Smithtown, and while the time was several weeks ago, action may yet be taken in the case, and interesting developments made. Two men driving a horse stopped in front of a country residence, and without apparent provocation began beating a horse. When one tired the other took his turn until all three beasts were exhausted. The horse so much so, that it was not able to move. Three women who were the only occupants of the house, used every endeavor to prevent this outrage, and finally one of the women brought a gun out and threatened to shoot if they did not desist. She also refused to allow the creatures a drink of water from the well, and told them she would surely shoot if they attempted to enter the yard. They tried to bluff her by saying that they also were armed, but she defied them and stood resolutely at bay until they retreated in the distance. The horse was cared for until it died from its injuries, some two weeks later, and now the officers are trying to prove the identity of the men. If the case had been reported to the Humane Society here by phone immediately after the occurrence, the men would have doubtless met speedy punishment. People living in the country and advised of such outrages should report them at once, and quick investigation will follow.

GOOD PLAY

'El Capitan' Drew a Large Audience to the Traders Last Night.

There was a very appreciative audience at the Traders Opera House last night to witness the performance entitled "El Capitan," Sousa's famous three-act military comic opera.

The play was presented by a strong company, headed by Mr. Harry Carter, who appeared in the title role of Don Errico Medina, viceroy of Peru. The play, with its wealth of scenery and costumes, made it one of the most attractive and interesting shows that has appeared at the local opera house this season. The chorus part of the play was exceedingly strong.

Mr. Carter was ably supported by Harry Peaks, Francis Carrier, Robert Stanley, Katie Nice, Minnie Emmett, Miss Ray Sethroe, Warner and many others. Taking everything into consideration, the play was one of the best ever given in the local opera house.—Clarksburg News, September 28, 1904.

Don't fail to attend Jolliffe's opening Friday and Saturday, opening evenings.

MEDIATION NO LONGER POSSIBLE BETWEEN THE JAPS AND RUSSIANS

SPREAD POISONED TAX LITERATURE

That Is Thought to Be Object of Democrat Now Examining Tax Books.

WHEELING, Sept. 29.—An emissary of the State Democracy has been hard at work in Marshall county during the last few days, securing a list of all the real estate owners and the amount of taxes paid by each. This work presumably is going on in the different counties with the obvious intention on the part of the Democratic managers to mail a flood of poisoned tax literature to the different tax payers of the State. These circulars in keeping with Democratic State policy will probably misrepresent the tax question, and make property holders believe their taxes will be increased whereas the reverse is true. In all likelihood all the property holders in Marshall county who receive these circulars, will under the new law have their taxes decreased rather than increased. This whole question should be so clear to each taxpayer that the circulars when sent out will undoubtedly prove a boomerang to the Democracy.

Want Homes For Children.

The Humane Society has in the Shelter in Wheeling two children for whom they desire good homes in this part of the State. The children have no relatives in or near here and for that reason their location here is desirable. One is a boy three years old, and is a bright, sturdy, healthy boy, very attractive in manner and disposition. The other is a dainty little girl baby of eighteen months, very winning in looks and manner, also, and one to whom one's heart would go out instantly because of her charming baby ways and her affectionate nature. The boy would easily become the pride of some household and the stay and comfort of old age. Any family desiring to adopt one or both of these children, should communicate with one of the local officers and arrangements may be speedily made.

Mr. Jolliffe Goes to Pittsburg.

Frank L. Jolliffe, Hartley's popular and efficient decorator, has accepted a similar position with Joseph Horne & Co., of Pittsburg, and will leave Fairmont for that city to-morrow. This is a deserved compliment, as Mr. Jolliffe's artistic perception evidenced in his happy faculty for combining colors and arranging draperies has long been recognized locally and that a wider scope will be given his abilities is not a matter of surprise to his friends; and while our city regrets to lose this estimable young man, we congratulate him upon his promotion.

Boy Jumps Train and is Fatally Hurt.

SALEM, W. Va., Sept. 29.—Claude Maxwell, aged 16, while trying to board No. 80, an east bound freight train, at Bristol, was thrown under the train, cutting his left foot nearly off and mashing his hip and injuring him internally. He died at Leon.

The Invincible Oil Company drilled in their No. 1 on the Wilcox farm, a quarter of a mile east of here and got a twenty-five barrel well. This well will cause a great deal of drilling in this section.

McDERMOTT APPOINTED.

He Will Represent West Virginia at the National Convention.

Colonel Joseph H. McDermott, of Morgantown, has been appointed a delegate to represent West Virginia in the national convention of Republican leagues to be held at Indianapolis October 5 and 6.

Colonel McDermott has accepted the appointment and will attend.

Had Leg Amputated.

O. R. Reed, who was crushed in a motor car accident at Berryburg, was brought to the Miners' Hospital yesterday. After examination it was found to be necessary to amputate one of his legs.

THE WARRING COUNTRIES HAVE GONE TOO FAR NOW TO LOSE THE FRUITS OF VICTORY FOR THE CONQUEROR.

ROME, Sept. 28.—Although a portion of the Italian press insists that the meeting of Premier Giolitti and Count Von Buelow, the German chancellor at Hamburg, was connected with the subject of mediation between Russia and Japan, the Capitale, a semi-official organ, gives voice to the contrary view and says:

"Not only the Italian but all European governments consider that mediation is impossible now, when Russia fully trusts in her ability to turn the tide of battle in her favor and while Japan does not wish to lose the fruits of her victories."

The Avanti asserts that the presence of Prince Charles, of Hohenzollern, at Tokio, has a connection with alleged plans of mediation. The foreign office, however, emphatically denies that Italy is concerned in any such movement. According to semi-official statements, the only reason for the visit of Premier Giolitti to Hamburg was that he and Count Von Buelow desired to personally discuss different international questions affecting the two countries, Signor Giolitti especially desiring to explain that Italy's membership in the triple alliance was in harmony with her friendly relations with England and France.

It is reported that Premier Giolitti may have been charged to arrange for a visit of Emperor William to Rome, to be present at the baptism of the crown prince, a rumor being current that he will be the young prince's godfather.

Despondency at Port Arthur.

(By Publishers' Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 29.—Despondency over the situation in Port Arthur is becoming more pronounced daily. Grounds for this feeling have been added to in the past few days by the entire absence of news from General Stoessel.

Heretofore the Russian commander has been able to get some word through by means of vessels to Chee Foo, but it is now stated that the Japanese blockade is perfect and all junks or other vessels coming out of Port Arthur, or attempting to enter the port are sent to Dalny. It is also understood in official quarters that fresh Japanese reinforcements are continually arriving outside the besieged city, thus relieving their jaded comrades. The Russians, however, have no rest.

Great Armies Face Each Other.

ROME, Sept. 29.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the newspaper Italia Militaire, reports that in the impending battle of Mukden General Kuropatkin will have the force equal, if not superior, to that of the enemy. The Russian force, he says, will amount to 250,000 men, with eight hundred guns, of whom 60,000 are at Sin Min Ting and 12,000 along the Hun-Ho. The rest of the army faces south from Mukden. Besides these there are 10,000 Russians at Tio Ling, to the north of the city on the banks of the Liao.

The Japanese force, he adds, is estimated at 250,000 men, with 1,000 guns.

Fun at Everson.

The first of this week Everson came in for a little fun. Anna Starrett, it is charged, took in the town. Just what overt acts she committed we do not know but the warrant says she was taken up for "assault and battery and riot." Justice Richter thought that there was a place at the county seat which would keep her for awhile. Twenty days is the time she is supposed to be a guest at the house of Jailer Davis.

THE WEATHER.

Cooler To-Morrow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 29.—Forecast for West Virginia: Fair in western, showers in eastern portion to-night. Friday, fair and cooler.